

# LIFE & TIMES

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## On Post

### Scholarships

The Hunter Army Airfield Thrift Shop and Officers' Spouses Club offer several college scholarships for the 2004-2005 year. Recipients must be Army family members and sponsor must be stationed at Hunter or Fort Stewart. Dependents of retirees may also apply. Deadline for all materials is Friday. Applications are available at the Education Center, ACS, the Thrift Shop or local colleges and high schools. For more information call Sherrie Lewis at 352-0376.

### Express lunch

Express lunch is now served at the Hunter Club and Club Stewart Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Prices range from \$4.75 to \$6.50.

### Join Toastmasters!

Whether you're a professional, student, stay-at-home-parent, or retiree, Toastmasters is the best way to improve your leadership and communication skills. The Dogfaced Soldiers Toastmasters International Club meets at noon every second and fourth Friday of the month at Club Stewart. Open to everyone.

For more information, contact Chief Warrant Officer Jay Bowen at 767-0383, or email [bowenja@stewart.army.mil](mailto:bowenja@stewart.army.mil), or call Brigitte Roberts at 370-6903.

### Volunteers needed

The ACS volunteer coordinator and the installation volunteer coordinator have information about a wide variety of volunteer opportunities in the ACS center and at other agencies at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield.

Volunteer orientation at Hunter ACS is the first Thursday of every month, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers are always welcome and needed at ACS.

For more information, call 352-6816.

### Easter Brunch

Club Stewart will hold an Easter Brunch Sunday. Seatings are available at 10:30 a.m., noon, and 1:30 p.m.

Children can get photos taken with the Easter Bunny, and an Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled at each seating. Cost is \$11.95 for adults, children 9 through 12 eat half off, and those under 8 eat free.

Get \$1 off when you bring in 20 friends or a church bulletin.

Call 386-2212 for reservations.

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### MILES Program

Don't buy a vehicle until you are armed with knowledge. This program is designed exclusively for active duty servicemembers who cannot obtain bank or credit financing when purchasing a vehicle.

For information, visit or qualify online at [usmiles.com](http://usmiles.com) or call the Military Installment Loan and Education Services Assistance Center toll free at (866)-466-4537.

To publish a brief in The Frontline, call 767-3440 or fax us at 767-5979. Deadline for briefs is Friday at noon.

# Stewart opens Month of Military Child

**Spc. Robert Adams**

Staff Writer

Children and parents of Fort Stewart gathered at the Child Development Center for a parade that kicked off the Month of the Military Child April 1.

The Bradwell Institute color guard led the parade of children, parents, and CDC care givers who marched around the CDC's front drive.

It takes a lot of patience and organization to put together a march like this and the activities during the Month of the Military Child, said Linda Heifferon, Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

"I came out to support my 3-year-old daughter Jordyn," said Candice Boutwell. "This is a big occasion, and I wanted to participate and be involved."

We have a lot of events planned



Spc. Robert Adams

Children march around the front drive of the Children Development Center kicking off the Month of the Military Child.

Throughout April, said Rebecca Pringle, CDC director.

Friday was the Children's Dance and Saturday was the Easter egg hunt.

"I'm happy to see that the

Army is making a big deal about this month," Boutwell said. "The children get excited participating in all the activities they are involved in."

This is an important day for

Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield, said Col. John M. Kidd, Fort Stewart garrison commander. "It is important to set aside time to think about the children, their beginning and how we can help them get where they need to be."

It is always great to watch children, Kidd said. They are always emulating what their fathers and mothers do out here and that is why they have this march.

"We have a great children's program at Stewart and Hunter and this is a great opportunity for us to both look at this program and showcase what we do here," he added. "The children are happy and learning a lot at the CDC and that's what we want to achieve."

Parents mold children on their journey and are the cornerstone of their future, Heifferon said.

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# Fort Stewart children hunt for Easter eggs

**Spc. Jonathan M. Stack**

Associate Editor

Nearly 3,000 members of the Fort Stewart community came together at the School Age Services Building and Youth Football Field Saturday to celebrate Easter a week early.

There was face painting, bead necklace making, pictures with the Easter Bunny and a huge Easter egg hunt for the children.

The staff laid out 22,000 eggs on the field, said Larry Laughlin, youth sports and fitness director. There were 16 prize eggs and whoever found them won an Easter egg basket.

The Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation and Child Youth Services put the Post Easter egg hunt together

"We wanted to do something for the kids and have a good day of fun and relaxing," he said. "The Easter egg hunt helps recognize how much Stewart supports and appreciates the military child."

Lisa Dunn, military spouse, brought her 2-year-old son Jonathan to have fun for the morning.

"I hope he likes it," she said.

The children were broken into groups by age. The youth were lined up in on the field and when the horn blasted, the children ran onto the field to collect as many eggs as they could. The eggs were filled with different prizes, such as fake gold coins, little rubber animals and plastic rings.

"The event went really well," Laughlin said. "I received a lot of compliments from the parents."



Photos by Spc. Jonathan M. Stack

Alliyah Hooten, 7-years-old, searches on the football field for Easter eggs Saturday during the Fort Stewart Annual Easter Egg Hunt.



Children, ages 7 through 10, gather up all the Easter eggs they can Saturday.

# Unwanted animals face euthanasia at vet clinic

**Pfc. Ricardo J. Branch**

Staff Writer

**Euthanasia** — the act or practice of killing or permitting the death of hopelessly sick or injured individuals (as persons or domestic animals) in a relatively painless way for reasons of mercy. (*Webster's Dictionary*).

Euthanasia is just one fate household pets in a veterinarian clinic could possibly face in their stay.

On Fort Stewart many of the animals that arrive at the veterinarian clinic have to be put to sleep because they are just not wanted as pets.

"Lots of people just don't take the time to consider how to take care of animals and it's mainly

because they don't understand pet ownership," said Capt. Patricia Rabiansky, officer in charge at the Fort Stewart Veterinarian Clinic.

"We gets an average of 40 to 60 animals in a given month, of which about half don't get adopted," said Pvt. 2 Ashley Cassibo animal care specialist.

Animals are continuously brought in to the veterinarian in one of three main ways.

"The Military Police bring in any animals found on the street, as do customers, but most come from people who sign over their pets because they can't take care of them anymore," Rabiansky said.



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Capt. Patricia Rabiansky, vet clinic OIC (right) and Pvt. 2 Ashley Cassibo, animal care specialist, put a mutt to sleep at the Fort Stewart Veterinarian Clinic.

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Children enjoy a train ride during the Festival Saturday.

# Festival brings Hunter community together

Sgt. Mason T. Lowery  
Staff Writer, Hunter Public Affairs Office

**S**oldiers, family members and friends got together in the Army Community Services parking lot Saturday and enjoyed rides, music and camaraderie during the Hunter Army Airfield Community Appreciation Festival.

"I think it's great — it gets you out making friends. The kids really break down barriers for you — they go right up to each other and start playing. They love it," said Justin Kidd, a friend of a Hunter Soldier.

Many of the events were geared toward children. They pulled their parents around the parking lot to enjoy the different attractions available, which included a climbing wall and train rides. Live bands performed a wide range of music from punk to gospel throughout the day. Easter excitement kicked off a week early as children posed for photographs with the Easter Bunny.

Beyond the fun and games offered during the festival was a safety theme. Firefighters with the Hunter Army Airfield Fire Department taught children fire prevention and safety all day with their Safe Kids Fire Safety House display. ACS photographed and fingerprinted children to kick off their Kid Care ID campaign, and Soldiers with the 179th Military Police Detachment K-9 Unit demonstrated the capabilities of two of their dogs.

Doris Clark, ACS relocation outreach coordinator, explained the purpose of the ACS information table. "A lot of kids go missing every year. (The fingerprinting, photographing, and pamphlets) help educate parents."

Ken Robinson, Hunter fire marshal, said the safety house and classes "provide a little bit of knowledge to the young folks and adults on simple procedures to know in the event a fire broke out in their home."

"The Hunter Army Airfield Community Appreciation Festival was a resounding success in uniting several initiatives in our community in the month of April," said Lt. Col. Jeffrey J. Goble, Hunter garrison commander. "First and foremost for us, the garrison, was to show the customers — the community — how much we appreciate their support and enjoy serving them. Holding the event this weekend allowed us to showcase our environmental programs in recognition of Earth Day, emphasize our child and youth services programs in this month of the military child, and of course mark the beginning of spring with the wonderful weather we're thankful for. All in all, it was a wonderful event."



Photos by Sgt. Mason T. Lowery

Climbers scale the climbing wall Saturday during the Hunter Army Airfield Community Appreciation Festival.



Regina Mims, ACS family advocacy program specialist, fingerprints 3-year-old Dominic Martinez Saturday to kick off the ACS Kid Care ID program.



Lochlain White, 5 years old, pets Savannah Chatham Metropolitan Police Department horse, Apache, Saturday from her perch aboard Spc. John Dunbar, C Co., 2/3 Aviation Regiment, as Cpl. Chris Boyette, SCMPD looks on.



Sgt. William Peyton, 179th MP Det., gets roughed up by Daisy, a Dutch Shepherd, and Cain, a German Shepherd, during a K-9 Unit demonstration.

# CHILD

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But it can be difficult for children to have to move all the time and be separated from their parents when they are gone on deployments, Kidd said.

The care givers of the CDC do such a great job and we have the best child and youth services in the Army, he said. “The truth is in the happiness of the children we see out in front of us today.”

The center has a lot of meetings to keep parents informed, Boutwell said. I try to be supportive of Jordyn’s teacher and assist her with any extra help that she needs.

“The Army can’t exist without Soldiers and Soldiers come with families,” Kidd

said.

“If children are well maintained and looked after here, then Soldiers with the 3rd Inf. Div. and other units here on Stewart can concentrate on their duties and get prepared for their jobs,” he added.

We want children to learn a lot and grow up in a good environment here, and this is one of those facilities that we want to maintain and expand, Kidd added.

He said, a major portion of being an excellent community in the Army is taking care of families, and I feel we do a very good job of that here at Stewart and Hunter.



Children get a ride in six-seated buggies pushed by CDC care givers during the parade April 1. Throughout the month, children and parents can participate in a variety of events together at Stewart and Hunter.



**Practice Safe Biking...**

*Always Wear a Helmet!*



There are so many animals going through the stray shelter that are put to sleep because they are not picked up for adoption.

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Upon arriving at the veterinarian, the animals are allowed to remain in the stray shelter for up to three business days. After the third day, the animal is put to sleep.

“We’re suppose to take in pets for up to three days but keep them as long as possible to help find them homes,” Rabiansky said.

To reduce the amount of strays, Soldiers are advised three ways to help out.

“You can help by getting your pet spayed or neutered, and micro chipped, but mainly responsible ownership is needed,” Rabiansky said.

“Find your pet a home if you can’t take care of it anymore and it will never be in that situation

“At the moment, we are working on a program to get all pets brought into Fort Stewart to be micro chipped. When a pet is micro chipped, all we do is scan the chip and it will give us all the information about the owner like where he lives, his home number and where he works at,” Rabiansky added.

“If a Soldier’s pet gets lost but the pet’s chip information is current, we can notify him immediately and he can claim his lost pet,” she said.

Another method to help reduce or stop the euthanasia of strays at the vet clinic is for more people to come forward and adopt a stray animal into their home.

“Many of the animals are from previous owners and know how to listen. The ones not from previous owners are young enough to be trained,” said Christina Hohledham, kennel handler for the Fort Stewart Veterinarian Clinic.

To adopt a new pet, a few things are considered before it’s released to a potential customer.

Is the applicant responsible?

Is the home a good place for a pet (too small maybe or an apartment)?

Does the applicant have kids and is the pet okay with them?

Can the potential owner financially support a pet?

If the above questions can be met, anyone can leave the veterinarian with a new pet.

“Before any animal is released to a customer, we screen it for any diseases and provide the necessary shots,” Hohledham said.

“We even watch their behavior to make sure the pet is not aggressive to other animals or possibly children before it’s even considered for adoption,” Hohledham added.

In the end, many animals could be spared the harm of euthanasia if people were to go and adopt them at the stray shelter.

“We have really great pets here but people need to be sure they know what they are getting into before they come and adopt a pet,” Rabiansky said.

# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

## He has risen, just as he said

Chaplain (Capt.) David Santiago Cruz  
Special to The Frontline

A year ago, Operation Iraqi Freedom was going at full throttle. The families of those serving in the Armed Forces celebrated the Easter season under a cloud of uncertainty generated by a second Gulf War.

Although we were conducting continuous operations, we paused to have a moment of spiritual reflection and thought about all the good things God had done and was doing in our lives. Certainly, every one of us can say that last year's Easter celebration meant much more than bunnies, colored eggs, marshmallow chicks, and attractive baskets.

In Iraq, our meetings weren't tailored for entertainment, as they sometimes are back in the homeland, but they were an occasion for Christians to commemorate the life and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This time, and due to the circumstances, those who attended the services easily understood the real meaning of self-sacrifice and death.

The Word of God became even more meaningful as gunfire served as background for some of the sermons. Only the words spoken by the angel in the book of Matthew kept us going, "He is not here; He has risen, just as He said."

Personally, I think the focal point of this account is that Christ's promises are trustworthy. This "just as He said" means that we can rest assured that Jesus will fulfill all His promises.

The book of Matthew also tells us that the birth of Jesus was the fulfillment of the prophecy made by the prophet Isaiah, "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" — which means, "God with us."

If we take a close look at the last words written by Matthew we'll find that Jesus himself affirms, "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

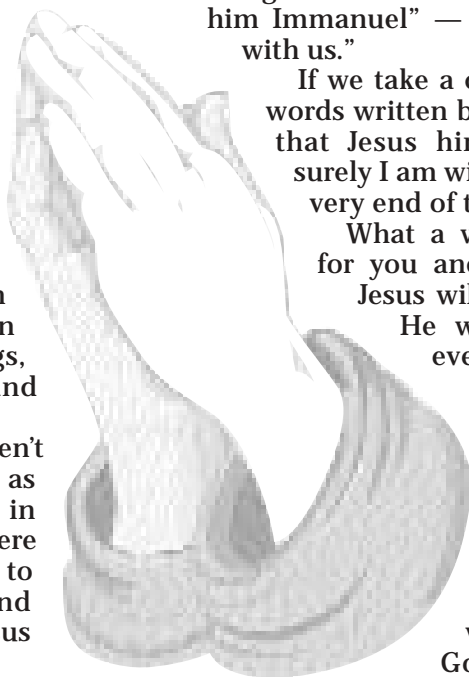
What a wonderful statement for you and me, to know that Jesus will be with us always.

He will never leave us, even when we struggle with the hardships of life. When things seem to be going downhill, when fears overcome us and our faith stumbles, it is crucial to know that we serve a loving God, that is present, and that we can have trust

in Him. We can trust Him our circumstances, our fears, our concerns and needs.

Now, a year later, once again Easter is here; so rejoice and proclaim as the angel did more than 2,000 years ago, "He is not here, He has risen."

Thank God our Savior is not dead, He has resurrected. Christ is alive and well!



### Pet of the Week

Blondie is a 4-month-old mixed breed female. She is housebroken and very playful. Blondie gets along very well with other dogs and children. She would make a loving companion for any individual.

If you are interested in adopting a pet like Dalton who needs a good home, call the Fort Stewart Veterinary Clinic at 767-2842. The clinic is located on W. Bultman Avenue.

## Worship Opportunities

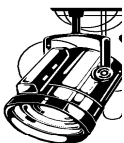
### Fort Stewart

Catholic	Location	Time
Sunday Mass	Victory	9 a.m.
Saturday Mass	Victory	5 p.m.
Weekday Mass	Victory	11:45 a.m.
Protestant		
Sunday Protestant Worship	Marne	11 a.m.
Sunday Gospel Service	Victory	11 a.m.
Sunday Family Friendly	Vale	11 a.m.
Tuesday Healing Service	WACH	11:30 a.m.
American Samoan		
Sunday Worship	Vale	1 p.m.
Muslim		
Friday Jum'ah	Building 9182	1:15 p.m.
Masjid (Daily)	Building 9182	5:30 a.m.
Lutheran		
Sunday Worship	Marne	9 a.m.
Jewish		
Friday Services	Marne	6 p.m.

### Hunter Army Airfield

Protestant		
Protestant Sunday School	Religious Education Center	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Service	Religious Education Center	11 a.m.
Catholic		
Sunday Mass	Religious Education Center	9:30 a.m.
CCD	Religious Education Center	11 a.m.

# Volunteer Spotlight



Leif A. Rivera



Leif A. Rivera, a native of Rockland County, N.Y., is a Snelson Golden Adopt-A-School volunteer. “Volunteering is a way that I can give back to others while also learning at the same time. It’s the essence of who we are, to help those, to teach those and to work with others in the overall benefit for the community,” said Rivera.

He continued to say “The feeling I get inside when I see the children smile and by allowing them to think through problems until I see the ‘light bulb of brilliance’ shine, is what I like most about volunteering.”

If you would like more information about becoming an Army Community Service volunteer, visit ACS Building 470 on Fort Stewart, Building 1286 on Hunter Army Airfield, or for more information, call Vickie Wiginton at 767-5058.



# WOODRUFF THEATER

April 8 - April 14

Friday, Saturday and Sunday

General admission is \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children.

\$1 Showings Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

## Broken Lizard’s Club Dread (R)

Starring: Jay Chandrasekhar, Keven Heffeman  
Today at 7 p.m.

At an anything-goes tropical resort for swingers, a non-stop party takes a turn for the weird when dead bodies start turning up faster than you could drink a rum punch. Can the inhabitants of the resort unite, solve the mystery and restore happy hour?  
Run time: 104 minutes

## Twisted (R)

Starring: Ashley Judd, Samuel L. Jackson  
Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 7 p.m.

Police detective, Jessica Shepard, tracks a serial killer who murders the men she dates. She blacks out before each murder and becomes the target of the police commissioner and her partner.  
Run time: 99 minutes

## Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen (PG)

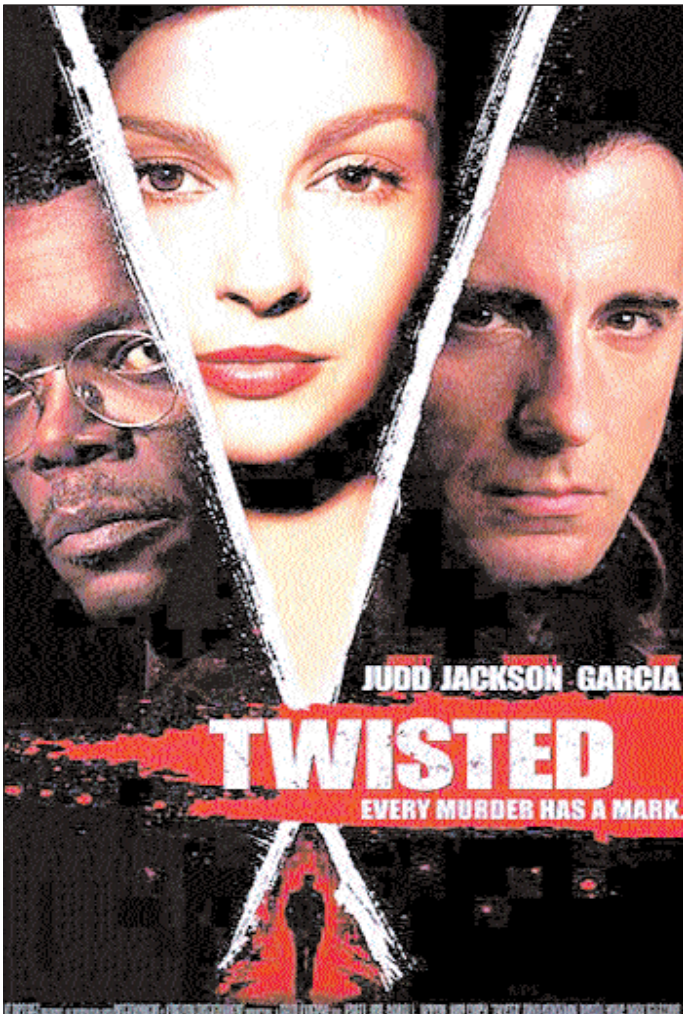
Starring: Lindsay Lohan, Adam Garcia  
Monday and Tuesday at 7 p.m.

New York City teenager, Lola, thinks she will always be the most popular kid around until her family moves to the suburbs. At her new school, Carla is the “drama queen” in residence.  
Run time: 90 minutes

## Eurotrip (R)

Starring:  
Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Scott thinks his German pen pal, Mieke, is a guy but is actually a hot babe. He and his buddy head across the Atlantic to visit her.  
Run time: 92 minutes



# Birth announcements

February 18

**Makayah AuZyah Evans**, a girl, 8 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Eric Evans and Pamela Spears.

March 21

**Gabriel Lee Langston**, , a boy, 5 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Sgt. Christopher Langston and Tammy Langston.

March 22

**Zoey Nate Jordan**, a girl, 8 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Anson Cordell Jordan and Staff Sgt. Reva Michelle Lockett.

March 24

**Tanesha Amani Davis**, a girl, 7 pounds,

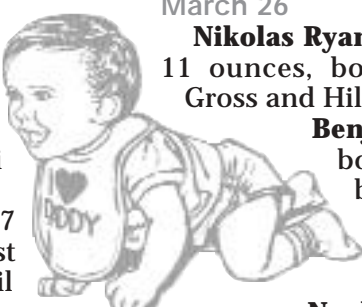
13 ounces, born to Sgt. Jeffery Davis Jr., and Trelena Tanisha Davis.

March 25

**Jakob David Dickinson**, a boy, 6 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Joseph C. Dickinson and Kristi Dickinson.

**Silas Rae Diehl**, a boy, 7 pounds, 10 ounces, born to 1st Lt. Stanley L. Diehl II and April D. Diehl.

**Jaida Caroline Stenson**, a girl, 5 pounds, 9 ounces, and **Jalen Nathan Stenson**, a boy, (twins) 5 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Spc. Nathan Stenson and



Ebony N. Stenson.

March 26

**Nikolas Ryan Gross**, a boy, 5 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Spc. Matthew C. Gross and Hilary Gross.

**Benjamin Robert Moelter**, a boy, 9 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Maj. John Moelter and Bridgette Moelter.

March 27

**Noah Bailey Wiles**, a boy, 7 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Mark Anthony Wiles and Spc. Elizabeth Ashley Wiles.

**Alexus Dominique Wiley**, a girl, 8

pounds, born to Sgt. CharteZ Jarmar Wiley and Tosha Lasheba Wiley.

March 29

**Cynthia Nicole Fullerton**, 7 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Sgt. Terrell Fullerton and Liane Fullerton.

**Emma Reese Spires**, a girl, 8 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Pfc. Jacob Onus Spires and Tabitha Rae Spires.

**Jalyssa Leslie-Viola Ingram**, a girl, 7 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Ryan Ingram and Rebecca Ingram.

**Teahnna Leusheer Slaughter**, a girl, 7 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Sgt. Phillip Wayne Slaughter Jr., and Letillia Slaughter.